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Tuesday 1st October 2024

With thanks for your continued support,

Please return to school by Friday 4th October 2024

Parents/Carers of Children in Year 5 - Grinton Lodge Residential

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to announce that we will be running a residential for children in Year 5 this academic year. We have looked closely at the provision and the range of activities offered and have decided to take the children to Grinton Lodge from the 28th to 30th April 2025. Grinton Lodge is a 19th-century former lodge that has been a youth hostel since 1948. It is a Grade II listed building, situated above the village of Grinton, in beautiful Swaledale, just 9 miles from the market town of Richmond, North Yorkshire. Grinton Lodge is LOtC accredited and with its large range of organised activities and high levels of staffing and focus on safety offers an excellent choice for our Year 5 children.

We will be holding an information session on **Tuesday 8th October 2024**. This will last for around 20/30 minutes in the Bottom Hall. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Please enter the school via the Year 6 pupil entrance (opposite the car park).

The cost of the visit will be £200. This cost will cover absolutely everything during the visit; this includes staffing, supervision, board and lodgings and specialist instructors, as well as the large number of organised activities which the children will be participating in. We appreciate and understand that it is quite an amount to find, which is why we start the process early in the academic year so that you will be able to pay in installments via Parent Pay.

In previous years we have used Dobroyd Castle, however this is becoming very costly. Our last visit there in 2019 was £283 per child. As you may be aware that Ingleborough Hall is closing down and because of the comparable experience that Grinton Lodge offers our children, we believe this is the right choice to make.

If you are registered for and entitled to free school meals, there should be a provision for a reduced rate. Mrs Mitchell will contact you directly if this discount applies to you.

In order to enable us to have an idea of the numbers, please sign and return the attached slip. We will be taking deposits in the weeks after the parent information session.